

# Merry Christmas

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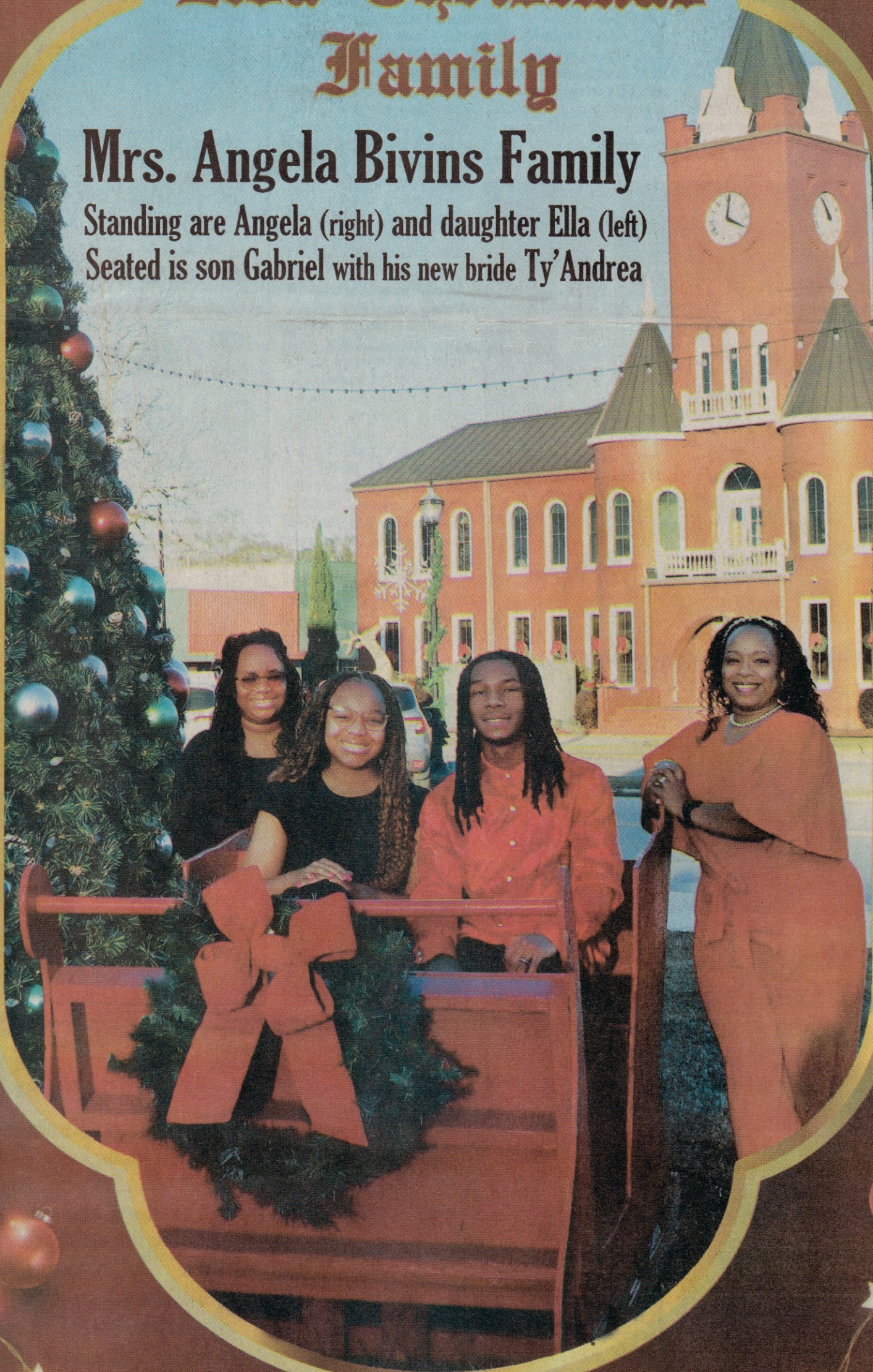
Thursday, December 25, 2025

1 Section, 8 Pages Plus 1 Adv Insert

### 2025 Elba Christmas Family

#### Mrs. Angela Bivins Family

Standing are Angela (right) and daughter Ella (left)  
Seated is son Gabriel with his new bride Ty'Andrea





## EDITORIAL

### About the Christmas Family...

Mrs. Angela Bivins is married to Chad Bivins, and she is a veteran teacher of 27 years. She enjoys gardening, the company of dogs and cheering on her Georgia Bulldogs!

Her daughter, Ella, is in 7th grade and is a member of the Elba High School Marching Tiger Band. In the future she plans to attend Auburn University or the University of Georgia to pursue a career in veterinarian medicine.

Gabriel and Ty'Andrea were recently married on December 7, 2025. Gabe is a local truck driver and loves riding motorcycles in his spare time. Tee is obtaining her degree as a medical assistant and loves running and crocheting.



Jackson Blair was the winner of the Christmas bicycle give-away hosted by the Elba Chamber. He is pictured with Elba Chamber director Sandy Williams.



The Brockton Masonic Lodge recently had 35 members with visitors for a third degree of new brother

### Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Monday December 15, 2025 through Sunday, December 21, 2025, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Monday, Dec. 15 – Suspicious person at 166 Tiger Dr (5:54 p.m.); Suspicious vehicle at 911 Forest Ave (10:48 p.m.). There were six traffic stops resulting in five citations issued and one written warning.

Tuesday, Dec. 16 –

Suspicious person at 230 Court Ave - with arrest (2:31 p.m.); Report of shots fired at 1504 Edgewood Dr (4:49 p.m.); Narcotics activity reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (8:16 p.m.). There were ten traffic stops resulting in two arrests, four written warnings, two verbal warnings, one citation issued and one report.

Wednesday, Dec 17 - Suspicious person reported at Martin Luther King Dr and Reynolds Ave (11:30 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 859 County Rd 513 (12:41 p.m.). No traffic stops reported.

Thursday, Dec 18 – Harassment reported at 213 Taylor Ave (1:28 a.m.); Harassment reported at 213 Taylor Ave ( 9:17 a.m.); Animal complaint at 1195 Reese Ave (3:33 p.m.); Suspicious person at 804 Hwy 203 (3:59 p.m. One traffic stop reported resulting in a verbal warning.

Friday, Dec 19 - Motor vehicle accident at Hwy 87 and County Rd 403 (4:36 a.m.); Animal complaint at 318 Smith Ave (10:36 a.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 7095 County Rd 410 - w/arrest (11:52 p.m.). There were twelve traffic stops resulting in four citations issued and seven verbal warnings.

Saturday, Dec 20 – Missing person reported at 877 Reese Ave (1:10 a.m.); Damage to property report-

ed at 632 Claxton Ave N (3:09 p.m.). There was only one traffic stop resulting in a written warning.

Sunday, Dec 21 –

Animal complaint reported at 811 Buford St (1:34 p.m.). There were six traffic stops reported resulting in six verbal warnings.

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### A Special Note of Thanks

The Family of Sherri Manning would like to extend thanks to all who called, texted, visited, sent food, flowers, cards, prayed for us, and showed other acts of kindness during the recent loss of our beloved Sherri.

A special thanks also to the City of Elba, Elba Fire Department, Elba Police Department, and Enterprise Rescue for your support and love.

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It is times like this that we are so very proud to call Elba home!

~ Johnny Manning and Family



Obituaries

BERNICE AVANELL  
"NELL" MOODY  
LAWFORD

Mrs. Bernice AvaneLL "Nell" Moody Lawford, age 95, died peacefully Thursday, Dec. 18, 2025, while residing at Enterprise Health and Rehabilitation Center.



She was born Sept. 13, 1930, to John D. and Alice Adelia Kilpatrick Moody.

Nell loved her Jesus and her family deeply. Today, she is fully healed, resting in Heaven, and finally home with the Savior she spoke of daily.

Prayer was central to Nell's life, and she considered it a privilege to pray with and over her family and friends. She faithfully reminded everyone that Jesus is coming again and encouraged all to be ready.

Nell was known for her unwavering positivity, often responding "Blessed, blessed" when asked how she was doing. Her sweetness, kindness, and genuine love touched everyone she met.

She delighted in welcoming others into her home, where she joyfully entertained and fed her guests with her beloved Southern cooking—especially her famous fried okra. Over the years, she cooked for the Singing Camerons from Scotland, entertained the Happy Goodmans, and graciously hosted numerous pastors and their families. Always beautifully dressed and perfectly coordinated, Nell carried herself with grace and never looked her age. She treasured her red roses and could often be found sitting on the porch, waving and hoping family might stop by. A compliment was always met with her warm reply, "Well, thank you, darlin'." If Nell knew it was your birthday, you might receive a phone call filled with piano music and song—or perhaps even a lively boogie-woogie.

Nell grew up in Rose Hill, Ala., and graduated from Straughan High School before attending Troy State Teachers College. After marrying her beloved husband, Leroy, she moved to Elba, where she lived until his passing in 2018. Nell dedicated many years of service working in Medical

Records at Elba Hospital.

A celebration of life service was held Sunday, Dec. 21, 2025, at Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Reverend Garry Winstead officiating. Burial followed at Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Nell was preceded in death by her husband of 69 years, Leroy Lawford; her parents, John D. Moody and Alice Adelia Kilpatrick Moody; and her siblings, Dorothy Frances McLean, Jonnie Morgan, K.P. Moody, Loretta Hubble, Willie Darling Moody, and James Archie Moody.

Survivors include her daughter, Mary Frances Lawford, Panama City Beach, Fla.; and her sons, Wayne Lawford (Betty), Dennis Lawford (Susan), and Terry Lawford (Cindy), all of Elba; her grandchildren, Pam Bell (Billy), Panama City Beach, Stephanie Adkison and Whitney Kirkland, both of Elba, Kerri Rhoads (Rayson Sr.), Opp; Lyndsay Elliott (Josh), New Brockton, Heather Strickland (Anthony), Auburn, Kevin Lawford (Jordan), Elba; and Joshua Lawford (Claire), Vestavia Hills; along with eight great-grandsons, eight great-granddaughters, and two great-great-granddaughters; as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

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The Importance of Acknowledgement:

A Personal Touch: In an era of instant messaging and emails, a handwritten thank you note stands out. It's a personal acknowledgment of someone's effort and kindness.

Fostering Community: Thank you notes go beyond mere etiquette; they are a way of nurturing relationships and strengthening community ties.

Reflecting and Appreciating: Writing these notes allows us to reflect on the good times shared and express gratitude, a practice that enhances our own well-being.

Choosing the Right Card:

Simple and Elegant: Opt for cards that are simple yet elegant. A plain card with a heartfelt message often speaks volumes.

Personalized Cards: If possible, choose cards that resonate with the personality of the recipient or the nature of the gift/event.

Eco-Friendly Options: Consider sustainable options like recycled paper or digital thank you notes for an eco-conscious choice.

Sample Wording Suggestions to help get you started:

For a Gift: "Dear [Name], your thoughtful gift truly made my holiday special. Thank you for your kindness and for always knowing how to make me smile."

For Hosting an Event: "Thank you, [Name], for opening your home and heart this holiday season. Your warmth and hospitality were the highlights of our festive celebrations."

For Friendship and Support: "In this season of gratitude, I'm reminded of how much your friendship means to me. Thank you for being there through thick and thin."

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COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION

Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Change in Fund Balance  
All Governmental Fund Types, Proprietary Fund Types and Expendable Trust Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2025

|                                                                                                     | GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES |                 |              |                  | PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES |           | FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES |                 | ***TOTALS*** |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                                                                                                     | GENERAL                 | SPECIAL REVENUE | DEBT SERVICE | CAPITAL PROJECTS | FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE   | TRUST     | EXPENDABLE           | MEMORANDUM ONLY |              |
| REVENUES                                                                                            |                         |                 |              |                  |                        |           |                      |                 |              |
| TAXES                                                                                               | 10,089,782              | 1,016,276       | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 11,106,058   |
| LICENSES & PERMITS                                                                                  | 47,930                  | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 47,930       |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE                                                                           | 3,246,279               | 5,337,045       | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 8,583,324    |
| CHARGES FOR SERVICE                                                                                 | 2,380,761               | 239,956         | 0            | 0                | 10,989,669             | 12,035    | 0                    | 0               | 13,622,422   |
| MISCELLANEOUS                                                                                       | 675,579                 | 850,812         | 0            | 0                | 465,834                | 89,034    | 0                    | 0               | 2,081,259    |
| TOTAL REVENUES                                                                                      | 16,440,331              | 7,444,090       | 0            | 0                | 11,455,503             | 101,069   | 0                    | 0               | 35,440,993   |
| EXPENDITURES                                                                                        |                         |                 |              |                  |                        |           |                      |                 |              |
| GENERAL GOVERNMENT                                                                                  | 5,122,474               | 1,037,072       | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 81,279    | 0                    | 0               | 6,240,826    |
| PUBLIC SAFETY                                                                                       | 7,702,002               | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 7,702,002    |
| HIGHWAYS AND ROADS                                                                                  | 0                       | 5,729,478       | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 5,729,478    |
| SANITATION                                                                                          | 0                       | 0               | 0            | 0                | 13,316,442             | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 13,316,442   |
| HEALTH                                                                                              | 20,500                  | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 20,500       |
| PUBLIC WELFARE                                                                                      | 543,264                 | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 543,264      |
| CULTURE AND RECREATION                                                                              | 73,347                  | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 73,347       |
| EDUCATION                                                                                           | 65,867                  | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 65,867       |
| CAPITAL OUTLAY                                                                                      | 846,905                 | 3,813,110       | 0            | 0                | 151,671                | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 4,811,686    |
| DEBT SERVICE                                                                                        |                         |                 |              |                  |                        |           |                      |                 |              |
| PRINCIPAL RETIREMENT                                                                                | 757,295                 | 1,356,484       | 394,663      | 0                | 1,885,603              | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 4,394,045    |
| INTEREST                                                                                            | 436,651                 | 59,950          | 36,099       | 0                | 235,729                | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 768,429      |
| FEES AND OTHER CHARGES                                                                              | 3,300                   | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 3,300        |
| INTERGOVERNMENTAL                                                                                   | 158,342                 | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 158,342      |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES                                                                                  | 15,729,949              | 11,996,095      | 430,762      | 0                | 15,589,444             | 81,279    | 0                    | 0               | 43,827,529   |
| EXCESS REVENUE OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES                                                            | 710,382                 | (4,552,005)     | (430,762)    | 0                | (4,133,941)            | 19,790    | 0                    | 0               | (8,386,536)  |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)                                                                      |                         |                 |              |                  |                        |           |                      |                 |              |
| LOAN PROCEEDS                                                                                       | 167,364                 | 3,307,559       | 0            | 0                | 3,744,812              | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 7,219,735    |
| BOND PROCEEDS                                                                                       | 0                       | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 0            |
| SALE OF CAPITAL ASSETS                                                                              | 216,800                 | 1,609,000       | 0            | 0                | 1,086,170              | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 2,911,970    |
| PROCEEDS FROM INCEPTION OF CAPITAL LEASE                                                            | 0                       | 0               | 0            | 0                | 0                      | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 0            |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS IN                                                                              | 2,861,447               | 1,482,000       | 430,762      | 0                | 26,825                 | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 4,801,034    |
| OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT                                                                             | (2,842,209)             | (515,000)       | 0            | 0                | (1,443,825)            | 0         | 0                    | 0               | (4,801,034)  |
| OTHER USES                                                                                          |                         |                 |              |                  |                        |           |                      |                 | 0            |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)                                                                | 403,402                 | 5,883,559       | 430,762      | 0                | 3,413,982              | 0         | 0                    | 0               | 10,131,705   |
| EXCESS REVENUE AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES OVER (UNDER) OTHER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES | 1,113,784               | 1,331,554       | 0            | 0                | (719,959)              | 19,790    | 0                    | 0               | 1,745,169    |
| FUND BALANCE - 09/30/2024                                                                           | (880,393)               | 142,013         | 0            | 0                | 5,646,620              | 4,148,963 | 0                    | 0               | 9,057,203    |
| FUND BALANCE - ENDING 09/30/2025                                                                    | 233,391                 | 1,473,567       | 0            | 0                | 4,926,661              | 4,168,753 | 0                    | 0               | 10,802,372   |

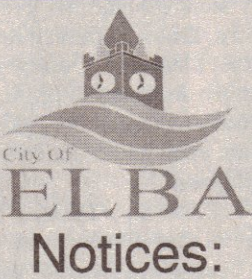
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STATEMENT OF INDEBTEDNESS AS OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

|                                     |            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|
| 2012 Refunding                      | 829,071    |
| Governmental Loans Payable to Banks | 14,225,520 |
| Landfill Loans Payable to Banks     | 5,592,383  |
| Roll-Off Loans Payable to Banks     | 1,525,530  |
| Solid Waste Loans Payable to Banks  | 216,714    |
| Total Indebtedness                  | 22,389,218 |

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• City of Elba offices will be closed Wednesday, Dec. 24, and Friday, Dec. 25, for the Christmas holiday. The offices also will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's Day holiday.

Notice:

The Elba Clipper office will be closed Thursday, Dec. 25, and Friday, Dec. 26, for the Christmas holiday.

The office also will be closed Thursday, Jan. 1, for the New Year's Day holiday. The deadline next week for news and advertising [for the Jan. 1st edition of the paper] will be by noon on Monday, Dec. 29th.



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## STATE OF ALABAMA COUNTY OF COFFEE NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage and security agreement executed by JON WESLEY BRAGG, an unmarried person, on the 17th day of September 2019, to 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as recorded in A/OFFR Book 188A, Page 748, in the office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama; 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, by reason of such default having declared all of the indebtedness secured by said mortgage and security agreement due and payable and such default continuing, notice is hereby given that, acting under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and security agreement, and as authorized by Section 7-9A-604(a)(2) of the Code of Alabama of 1975 as amended, 21ST MORTGAGE CORPORATION, as Mortgagee, will sell at public outcry, for cash to the highest bidder, in front of the Courthouse door, in the City of Elba, Coffee County, Alabama, during the legal hours of sale on January 8, 2026, the following described real and personal property situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit:

A lot or parcel of land located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T7N, R21E, Jack Community, Coffee County, Alabama, and being more particularly described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of the South line of the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T7N, R21E, and the West right of way of Alabama Highway #167 (R/W 140'); thence run S 89° 46' 58" W for 1159.95 feet to the East right of way of Coffee County Road #201 (R/W 80'); thence run N 03° 16' 18" W a chord distance along said R/W for 828.99 feet; thence run S 86° 58' 56" E for 605.87 feet; thence run S 22° 03' 22" E for 118.07 feet; thence run S 77° 39' 44" E for 219.21 feet; thence run N 89° 46' 43" E for 362.27 feet to the West right of way of Alabama Highway #167; thence run S 02° 09' 58" W along said R/W for 636.95 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being entirely located in the SW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 4, T7N, R21E, Jack Community, Coffee County, Alabama, and containing 20.1 acres more or less.

According to that certain survey by Lee Ashley Yelverton, License No. 326323 dated July 12, 2019. INCLUDING a security interest in one (1) 2020 Buccaneer manufactured home, Serial No. CBC050539ALAB; together with the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging and all fixtures now attached to and used in connection with the premises herein described.

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and excep-

tions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto. Alabama law gives some persons who have an interest in property the right to redeem the property under certain circumstances. Programs may also exist that help persons avoid or delay the foreclosure process. An attorney should be consulted to help you understand these rights and programs as a part of the foreclosure process. Said sale will be made subject to any existing Federal Tax Lien, if any, and/or Special Assessments, if any, which might adversely affect the title to the subject property.

Said sale will be made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by the above-described mortgage, and the proceeds thereof will be applied as provided by the terms of the said mortgage. This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Margery Oglesby at the phone number shown below prior to attending the sale. Kristofor D. Sodergren Attorney for 21st Mortgage Corporation ROSEN HARWOOD, P.A. 2200 Jack Warner Pkwy Ste 200 P.O. Box 2727 Tuscaloosa, AL 35403 (205) 344-5000 12/11, 18&25-chg.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**In the Matter of the Estate of MARIE P. SINGLETON, Deceased.** Case No. PR-2025-240

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary of the Estate of Marie P. Singleton having been granted to Charles R. Singleton and Pamela M. Harrell, Co-Personal Representatives, on the 3rd day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Done this the 3rd day of December, 2025. Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 12/11, 18 & 25-pd

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF GWEN TRINKER, DECEASED** CASE NO. PR-2025-244

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Audrey McMillin, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Gwen Trinker, deceased, on the 8th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Judge of Probate 12/11, 18 & 25- pd

## IN THE MATTER OF NELDA B. BROWN, DECEASED.

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE

## COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION CASE NO: PC-2025-083

## NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Letters Testamentary of said deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 2nd day of December 2025 by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. Witness my hand this the 2nd day of December 2025. /s/ JOAN DOWNING Personal Representative /s/ Matt Brunson Attorney for Personal Representative 12/11, 18 & 25-pd

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

**IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LINDA NEAS, DECEASED** CASE NO.: PR-2025-248

## NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of LINDA NEAS, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 10th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of the Probate Court of Coffee County, Alabama. Notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against said estate that they are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or they will be barred. /s/ Marc Kinza Johnson MARC KINZA JOHNSON Personal Representative of said Estate 12/18, 25, 1/1 pd

## IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF DURREY J. ALSTON, Deceased.** CASE NO. PR- 2025-247

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Fred Brown, III as Administrator of the Estate of Durrey J. Alston, deceased, on the 10th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred. /s/ Jodee R Thompson Judge of Probate 12/18, 25, 1/1- pd

## IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

**In the Matter of the Estate of MARY ANN SCONYERS, deceased** Case No.: PR-2025-245

## NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT

Letters Testamentary having been granted to Lisa Ann Newman n/k/a Lisa Ann Griswold as Personal Representative of the Estate of Mary Ann Sconyers on the 10th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge for Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within time allowed by law or the same will be barred. DONE this the 10th day of December, 2025. /s/ Jodee R. Thompson Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge 12/18, 25, 1/1 pd

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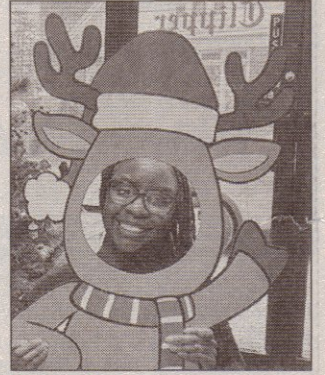
A group of former Kleinert's employees gathered Thursday, Dec. 11, at Shane's Rib Shack for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship, and a great time was had by all. Those pictured include (left to right) James Roth, Terry Calhoun, Harry Young, Van McCall, and Jack Mullenax. Those unable to attend were: Kenneth Calhoun, Kim Leverett, Travis Holley, Paul Bechtol, and Warren Axton.



Allison Gavin stopped by The Elba Clipper office last week to have her picture made with the Christmas reindeer. Allison celebrated a birthday on Thursday, Dec. 18th!



Evie Kate Powell, a student at Zion Chapel School



Elba High School senior Sydney Siler

## ALEA launches officer-involved shooting investigation in Opp

On Friday, Dec. 19, at the request of the Opp Police Department, Special Agents assigned to the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency's (ALEA) State Bureau of Investigation (SBI) launched an investigation concerning an officer-involved shooting involving officers with the Opp Police Department.

The incident occurred when officers with the Opp Police Department responded to a call for service involv-

ing an individual armed with a gun near the intersection of Pond Drive and Barnes Street located in Opp within Covington County. During the course of the incident, multiple officers responded as well as a Trooper with ALEA's Highway Patrol Division.

The suspect, identified as Amos L. Matthews, age 51, of Opp, reportedly brandished a firearm, causing officers to fire at Matthews.

Matthews fled the scene into a nearby wooded area and an active manhunt began.

At approximately 12:30 p.m. Friday during the course of the manhunt, officers with the Opp Police Department along with an ALEA Special Agent encountered Matthews on the front porch of a home located on Childre Court in Opp within Covington County. It was during the course of the encounter, that officers reported Matthews

brandished a weapon and again attempted to flee, causing the officers and Special Agent to fire and shoot Matthews.

Matthews was struck and pronounced deceased at the scene.

Nothing further has been released as the investigation remains ongoing. Once complete, the findings will be turned over to the Covington County District Attorney's Office.

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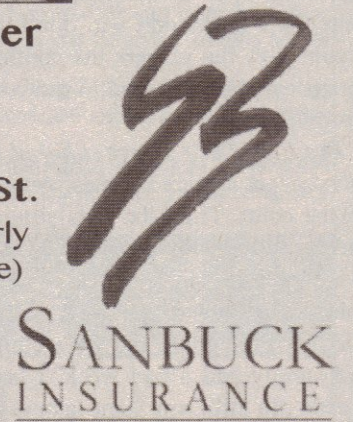
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**IN THE JUVENILE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ENTERPRISE DIVISION) IN RE THE MATTER OF: LRT-C, (DOB:1/5/2011) CASE NO.: 71-JU-2022-003.02 FATHER: NOTICE TO ANTONIO TIUL CAC:**

You are hereby given notice that a petition has been filed by the Coffee County Department of Human Resources requesting that your parental rights be terminated to the following child: LRTC born 1/5/2011. You are hereby given notice that you are required to file an Answer with the Clerk of Juvenile Court and with the Petitioner's Attorney: Hon. Rachel H. Sullivan at P.O. Box 336, Geneva, AL 36340, within 14 days of the date of the last publication of this notice or a default judgment can be entered against you. A final hearing has been set for 1/8/26 at 9:00 a.m. at the Coffee County Courthouse in Enterprise, Alabama. You may appear and contest the same if you choose. Done this 13th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Amy Reeves  
Amy Reeves,  
Circuit Clerk, Coffee County, AL  
12/4,11,18&25-chg.

## MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

Default having been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by that certain mortgage executed by Kevin Bond and Deborah Bond to Robey Harrison and Martina Harrison, executed on or about the 20th day of August, 2020; said mortgage recorded, in OR Book 891, Page 27 in the Office of the Probate Judge of Coffee County the undersigned as Mortgagee, under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage; will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder for cash, in front of the main entrance of the Courthouse in Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama, on Friday, January 2, 2026 at 3:00 p.m., all of its right, title, and interest in and to the following described real estate, situated in Coffee County, Alabama, to-wit: One lot or parcel of land located in Coffee County, Alabama as surveyed by

Enterprise Surveying, LLC Job No. 10017 and being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at a concrete monument found (CMF) marking the Northeast corner of Lot 1 of the Replat for Forehand Subdivision; thence S 72°11'55"W for a distance of 100.04 feet to a CMF; thence S 72°20'26"W for a distance of 80.08 feet to a CMF; thence N 16°23'15"W for a distance of 99.86 feet to a CMF; thence N 16°20'09"W for a distance of 99.83 feet to a CMF; thence N 16°28'13"W for a distance of 230.36 feet to a CMF on the south right of way (R/W) line of Alabama Highway 134; thence along said R/W line N 72°21'48"E for a distance of 260.48 feet to an iron pin found; thence leaving said R/W line S 18°08'56" E for a distance of 509.81 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said land being located in the SW¼ of the NE¼ Section 13, Township 4 North, Range 21 East, and contains 3.14 acres, more or less. (Also known as 19444 Highway 134, Enterprise, Alabama 36330)

This property will be sold on an "as is, where is" basis, subject to any easements, encumbrances, and exceptions reflected in the mortgage and those contained in the records of the Office of the Judge of Probate of the county where the above-described property is situated. This property will be sold without warranty or recourse, expressed or implied as to title, use and/or enjoyment and will be sold subject to the right of redemption of all parties entitled thereto.

This sale is made for the purpose of paying the indebtedness secured by said mortgage, as well as the expenses of foreclosure.

This sale is subject to the Statutory Right of Redemption pursuant to Alabama Code Section 6-5-248 and/or Act 2015-79.

The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid for and purchase the real estate and to credit its purchase price against the expenses of sale and the indebtedness secured by the real estate.

This sale is subject to postponement or cancellation; contact Jeffery D. Hatcher at the phone number shown below prior to attendance at sale.

Jeffery D. Hatcher  
Attorney for Robey and Martina Harrison  
P. O. Box 189  
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12/11,18&25-chg.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF TASHA MCKENZIE, DECEASED. CASE NO. PR 2025-246**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters of Administration having been granted to Bryant Henderson as Administrator of the Estate of Tasha McKenzie, deceased, on the 10th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
12/18, 25, 1/1 pd

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF: HENRY HATTAWAY, Incapacitated Person/ Deceased. CASE NO.: PC-2014-046**

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF: BETTY HATTAWAY, Incapacitated Person/ Deceased. CASENO.: PC-2014-045**

**NOTICE**  
Belinda Cawthon, as conservator for Henry Hattaway and Betty Hattaway, filed her sworn petitions and accountings in this Court seeking a final settlement of her duties and handling of the Estate of Henry Hattaway and the Estate of Betty Hattaway.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that all persons or creditors having an interest in said conservatorship estates shall appear in the Coffee County Probate Office, Elba Division, on the 3rd day

of February, 2026, at 9:00 o'clock am said date and time being set for hearing the Conservator's Petitions for Final Settlements. DONE this the 9th day of December, 2025.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
Hon. Jodee R. Thompson  
Probate Judge  
Coffee County, Alabama  
12/18, 25, 1/1 chg

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF CHRISTIANE G. DYAS, Deceased. CASE NO. PR2025-252**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Nicole Christine Dyas Savage, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Christiane G. Dyas, deceased on the 15th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
12/18,25 & 1/1 pd

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

**IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEE ERVIN DEES, Deceased. CASE NO. PR2025-251**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to Alzie L. Dees, as Personal Representative of the Estate of Lee Ervin Dees, deceased, on the 15th day of December, 2025 by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R Thompson  
Judge of Probate  
12/18, 25 & 1/1 pd

**IN THE PROBATE OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**ELBA DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ERMA JEAN MILLS, DECEASED.**

**MICHAEL KYLE WAMBLES, PETITIONER. CASE NO. PC 2025-075**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of Erma Jean Mills, deceased, having been granted to the undersigned on the 16th day of December, 2025, by Jodee R. Thompson, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Michael Kyle Wambles  
Michael Kyle Wambles  
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:  
Jeffery D. Hatcher  
P.O. Box 189  
Geneva, Alabama 36340  
12/18, 25 & 1/1 pd

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF GENEVA COUNTY, ALABAMA**

**IN RE: The Estate of FRANCIS ROLAND FRANKLIN, Deceased. CASE NO. 2025-164**

TAKE NOTICE that Letters Testamentary having been granted to THE BAPTIST FOUNDATION OF ALABAMA, as Executor of the Estate of FRANCIS ROLAND FRANKLIN, deceased on the 16th of August, 2025, by the Honorable Toby Seay on the 10th day of December, 2025.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that all persons having claims against the said Estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jason R Herbert  
Jason R. Herbert, J.D.  
The Baptist Foundation of Alabama  
Executor of the Estate of Francis Roland Franklin, deceased  
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12/18, 25, 1/1-pd

**IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF PEGGY WARREN, Deceased. CASE NO. PR-2025-241**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT TO BE PUBLISHED**

Letters of Administration with Will Annexed having been granted to Gerod Diggs, Personal Representative, on the 17th day of December, 2025, by the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Judge of Probate Court of Coffee County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson  
HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON  
PROBATE JUDGE  
COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA  
12/25,1/1,8-pd.

**IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION**

**IN RE: THE ESTATE OF JAMES RAYBURN WHITE, DECEASED,**

**LINDA D. WHITE, PETITIONER**

**CASE NO. PR-2025-234**

**NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT**

Letters Testamentary on the Estate of James Rayburn White, deceased having been granted to the undersigned on the 17th day of December, 2025, by Jodee R. Thompson, the Judge of the Probate Court of said County, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Linda D. White  
Linda D. White  
Personal Representative

Attorney for Estate:  
Jeffery D. Hatcher  
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12/25, 1/1&8- pd



SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

*We finally got all the presents wrapped* and under the tree just in time to load them in the car and head to our daughter Melanie's home to celebrate Christmas. I have always thought it was a little strange to move the presents around and not just open gifts as we visited each of our homes, but it is a special time for family and even if it gets a little crowded, and messy from wrapping paper on the floor, having all of us together is no doubt the greatest gift.

*For what it is worth....*

\*\*\* *The Elba Tigers traveled up to Zion Chapel* Friday afternoon for a showdown against their cross-county rivals and took out weeks of frustration on the Rebels as they rolled to a lopsided 44-point win. I told Coach Harry Griffin Friday morning I could see improvement in the team's play in recent games despite the mounting losses and predicted the win, which was a great way to head into the short holiday break. The key to the win was Elba's quickness on both ends of the court, its determination to get to every loose ball and its willingness to shoot the ball when open as the Tigers hit a season high 12 three-pointers. I know one win doesn't make a season, but it should give the players the confidence they needed after their slow start and lead to more wins as the season rolls along.

*The Elba Lady Tigers suffered through a winless week* as they lost all three games played during the busy week on the court. The Elba girls struggled on offense as they had no consistency on the offensive end of the court, and in the three games never had more than three players score points. The Lady Tigers were aggressive on defense in the middle of the court, but were outmatched under the goal, and simply had a bad week. I have no doubts the Lady Tigers can still win some games and make noise in the area. However, it will take the everyone on the team to win games and not just one or two. C'mon girls, it is time to have some fun.

\*\*\* *The high school basketball season continued* last week and it is becoming clear just what teams are settling in and will make the most noise when they return after the holiday break. On the boys' side, Brantley is the surprise team of the area and with the addition of two players from across the county are all of the sudden a true threat, while New Brockton has a team no one will want to play as it keeps getting better and better, Kinston is much better than its record indicates and should also make some noise down the road, and Zion Chapel should soon climb out its slump and knock off some folks. As for the girls, Kinston is no doubt a 1A power and has its sights set on a state title to add to the title it claimed last year in softball, while New Brockton is very talented and when it plays well can beat anybody on any given night, Brantley appears to be a sleeping giant and should only get better as the season goes along, and Zion Chapel believes it can win and may be headed for its best season in years.

\*\*\* *There is an old saying* that 'good things come to those that wait,' and that saying proved true once again last week when Elba High School named its basketball court the 'Karl Bledsoe Court.' Coach Bledsoe served as a teacher, assistant principal, elementary school principal and basketball coach at Elba for over 15 years and was successful, and popular, no matter what hat he was wearing. During his years as a coach he coached the junior high, junior varsity and varsity teams at Elba, and during his final three years as the coach of the Tigers led his team to three straight area titles, three straight trips to the Final Four, a state runner-up and a state championship, while posting a combined record of 73-14. Coach Bledsoe was the only coach in Elba Tiger history to lead a team to a state championship in basketball, which in itself was a good reason for naming the court in his honor. However, the honor came not just because of being a winner on the court, but a winner in life that inspired students to be their best, and was a true team player that never complained and always did his job the best he could. Coach Karl Bledsoe was always proud to wear the black and gold of Elba High, and now he knows that we in Elba are proud to call him one of our own and his legacy will last forever to all that enter the gym and see his name on the court.

\*\*\* *Former Elba Tiger state championship coach* Ed Rigby will continue his tour of schools across the Wiregrass next season when he takes over the reins at Pike County High School, in Brundidge. Rigby, who has coached at 15 different schools during his 35-year career, was named the new Pike County head coach last week after a most-recent two-year stay at Opp. Rigby came to Elba after a short

School, and was with the Tigers for five seasons before leaving to accept the head coaching job at Eufaula, where he stayed for four years before going to Pike Road for one season. His next stop was at Luverne, also for one year, before taking the job at Opp. While Coach Rigby's coaching career in south Alabama has included many changes, one constant has been winning, as he has compiled a 111-45 record in the state, including a 53-12 record at Elba High, where he led the Tigers to the 2015 state title. Rigby's wife, Chanda, has been the women's basketball coach at Troy University since 2012, and the move to Pike County will result in a shorter drive for the new Bulldog head coach each day, as Rigby stated the new drive will be 10 minutes, much less than the one-hour drive to Opp. I'm not sure how long Rigby will be at Pike County, but do know that while he is there he will get the players, faculty and fans excited about Pike County football!

\*\*\* *The never-ending saga of the AHSAA* and its strained co-existence with private schools continued last week, and if the most recent rumors are true a huge shift in competition between teams in public schools and private schools may be just around the corner. According to a news story in a large daily newspaper, the AHSAA is considering a proposal that would separate the public and private schools for post-season play. The change would form a new reclassification model that would put the private schools in a standalone league that would remove the schools from competing against public schools for post-season play. The plan hasn't been confirmed by the AHSAA, but if implemented would be one of the biggest shifts ever in competition structure. While the public schools have been arguing against having to compete with private schools in post-season play for many years, the newest arguments have come from the private schools that feel the 1.35 enrollment multiplier isn't fair, the

AHSAA is wrongly opposing the CHOOSE Act that sends state funds to public school students to attend private schools, scheduling restrictions against competing against AISA schools, and the lack of representation on the Central Board of Control. Private school officials deny private schools enjoy an advantage due to having greater resources and the ability to allegedly recruit new students under the CHOOSE act, and instead insist the multiplier makes it unfair to many smaller private schools. There are less than sixty private schools now in the AHSAA that currently compete in all seven classifications, and one possible problem private school officials have voiced is how to balance the huge difference in enrollment figures when it comes to classification of the private schools. In my opinion, there have been nothing but problems with private schools competing against public schools since it began years ago, and if the AHSAA is going to get hit with complaints from both the public schools and now the private schools, the time has come to take a step back and be loyal to the public schools that have been the heart of the association since its inception. I guess we will all find out when the Central Board meets on Jan.23.

\*\*\* *In closing....* Sportscasters always bring up the fact that a football is shaped funny and can take some strange bounces, and that was certainly the case last week as Alabama rallied from a 17-point deficit to claim an opening round playoff win on the road in Oklahoma. At one point Oklahoma had more points (17) than Alabama had yards in total offense (12), but the ball took some unexpected bounces on a dropped punt attempt, a pass interception on a busted play that turned into a touchdown and two missed field goals by the nation's best kicker as the Tide just kept on plugging away and scored 27 unanswered points to rally for the win. Hey, a newspaper headline held up by Bama players after the game declared 'Better late than Sooner,' and that was true last week.

Tigers roll over Rebels 67-23

The Elba Tigers took out three weeks of frustration on the unsuspecting Zion Chapel Rebels Friday afternoon as they raced out to a 23-0 first quarter lead and never looked back to post a lopsided 67-23 road win.

Elba's Laquatos Edwards drained a pair of early three-pointers to put the Tigers on top and when Levi Martin hit a basket from behind the arc with 4:11 left in the first quarter Elba owned an 11-0 lead. Jayse Williams added a put back off a missed shot and added a three-pointer of his own to keep the scoring parade going, and the Tigers lead grew to 23-0 with 23-seconds left on the clock when Ky'Avian Stoudemire hit two free throws.

Zion Chapel's Johnny Powell hit a three-pointer with seven-seconds left in the quarter and added another shot from behind the arc early in the second quarter as the Rebels crept within 23-6, but Elba's Levi Martin hit another three-pointer with 6:17 remaining in the half to push the Tigers lead to 28-6, and RJ Melton scored from inside with 37-seconds on the clock as Elba closed the quarter on a 10-2 run to carry a big 38-8 lead in at intermission.

Levi Martin continued his scoring party early in the third quarter as the Tigers upped their lead to 48-8 with 3:26 remaining in the stanza, and while the Rebels Johnny Powell tried to spark a Zion Chapel rally, Elba never slowed down and when Martin drained another long three-pointer at the buzzer the Tigers carried a 56-13 advantage into the final stanza.

Zion Chapel's Benjamin Hobbshittwothree-pointers in the fourth quarter as the Rebels refused to quit. However, Elba just kept



Elba Tiger Levi Martin (4) eyes the goal while at the free-throw line in recent high school basketball action. Martin connected on four three-pointers in the junior varsity game and five three-pointers in the varsity game last week as the Tigers rolled past Zion Chapel. (Photo by Trent Hamilton)

lighting up the scoreboard as Johnathan Edwards and Laquatos Edwards added three-pointers as the Tigers rolled to the 67-23 win. Levi Martin scored 23

points and connected on five three-pointers to lead Elba, while Laquatos Edwards added 19 points and also connected on five three-pointers. Also scoring for Elba were Jayse Williams 7, Johnathan Edwards 6, RJ Melton 4, Cassidy Carpenter 3, and Ky'Avian Stoudemire 2,

Jaquez Hill 2 and Ryan Schindler 1.

Johnny Powell scored 11 points and hit a trio of three-pointers to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Rebels were Benjamin Hobbs 6, Gunner Jacobs 2, Jerimiah Stinson 2, Gavyn Moore 1 and Samuel Wambles 1.

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SPORTS



Elba Lady Tiger Andrea Johnson makes a quick pass to teammate Nyasia McCollough (23) after pulling down a rebound in recent high school basketball action.

Elba Tigers drop pair of games on home court

The Elba Tigers hosted a pair of games last week at the newly-named ‘Karl Bledsoe Court’ and saw their early-season victory drought continue as they lost to Pleasant Home 59-39 and Florala 66-50.

Following are recaps of both games:

Pleasant Home 59 Elba 39

The Elba Tigers fell behind early and never recovered in a 59-39 home court loss to the Pleasant Home Eagles. A Levi Martin three-pointer was about all the Tigers could muster in the opening quarter as Pleasant Home raced out to an early 19-5 lead, and while Elba did begin to find its way to the basket in the second quarter, it missed all four free-throw attempts and went in at intermission trailing 31-14. Martin scored five points on the third quarter and joined with Jay Wilson on a pair of three-pointers in the final stanza. However, the Tigers never threatened and dropped the 59-39 decision.

Levi Martin scored 15 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Laquatos Edwards 9, Johnathan Edwards 7, Cassidy Carpenter 3, Jay Wilson 3 and Ky’Avian Stoudemire 2. Brody Bryant scored 23 points and John Luke Colvin added 18 to lead the Eagles.

Florala 66 Elba 50

The Elba Tigers found their shooting touch in the second half, but were in too big a hole to dig out as they suffered a 66-50 home court loss to the Florala Wildcats. Laquatos Edwards and Johnathan Edwards both drained long three-pointers in the opening quarter, but Florala was hitting on all cylinders and carried a 21-8 lead into the second stanza. The Wildcats stretched their lead to 36-15 by the end of the half and were in compete command. However, the Tigers came out fighting in the third quarter and behind a 7-point outburst by Levi Martin and a pair of three-pointers by Laquatos Edwards outscored the ‘Cats to cut the deficit to 48-30. Jay Wilson nailed two three-pointers in the final stanza as Elba continued its late rally, but the Tigers saw the rally fall short as they dropped a 66-50 decision.

Laquatos Edwards and Johnathan Edwards scored 13 points, apiece, to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jay Wilson 8, Levi Martin 8 and Ky’Avian Stoudemire 3. LaShaad Smiley scored 18 points and Jeremiah Stone added 13 to lead the Wildcats.

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Lady Tigers struggle through winless week

The Elba Lady Tigers had a busy week in the basketball court last week and saw their recent struggles continue as they lost to Pleasant Home 52-25, Florala 58-33 and Zion Chapel 36-23.

Following is a recap of all three games:

Pleasant Home 52 Elba 25

The Elba Lady Tigers kept it close for one quarter in a 52-25 home court loss to the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. Nyasia McCollough scored five points in the opening quarter as the Lady Tigers trailed only 6-5 early. However, Pleasant Home stretched its lead to 22-11 by the end of the half, and despite a 7-point outburst by Jabria Burks in the final stanza, the Lady Tigers never threatened and suffered the 52-25 loss.

Nyasia McCollough scored 13 points and Jabria Burks added 12 to lead the Lady Tigers, while Chloe Bush scored 14 and Si’niya Purifoy added 11 for the Lady Eagles.

Florala 58 Elba 33

The Elba Lady Tigers were outscored in all four quarters in a 58-33 home court loss to the Florala Lady Wildcats. Nyasia McCollough scored four points and Malaysia Williams added a three-pointer in the first quarter to spark the Lady Tigers. However, Florala poured in 20 first quarter points to grab a 20-7 advantage and never looked back as they outscored the Lady Tigers 58-33.

Nyasia McCollough scored 17 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Lady Tigers were Jabria Burks 13 and Malaysia Williams 3. Mia Davis and Malia Bess both scored 16 points to lead Florala.

Zion Chapel 36 Elba 23

The Elba Lady Tigers kept it close for a half, but could never really threaten in a 36-23 road loss to the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels. Malaysia Williams hit a three-pointer and Nyasia McCollough scored seven points in the first quarter as Elba trailed only 11-10. However, the Lady Rebels Addyson Townsend scored four points in the second stanza and Zion Chapel pulled away late to take a 21-14 lead in at intermission. Elba’s Jadyn Caldwell nailed a three-pointer early in the third quarter as Elba crept back within 23-17, but Maggie Downing and Hagen Sessions helped the Lady Rebels regain command as they carried a 30-18 lead into the fourth quarter. Both teams saw their scoring slowdown in the final stanza, but the



Elba Lady Tiger Malaysia Williams (1) gets inside position on an opponent in recent high school basketball action.

Lady Rebels never lost command and at the final horn had handed Elba the 36-23 loss.

Nyasia McCollough scored 13 points to lead Elba, while Malaysia Williams added 7 and Jadyn Caldwell scored 3. Maggie Downing scored 8 points to lead Zion Chapel, while also scoring for the Lady Rebels were Charlotte Sanders 7, Hagen Sessions 6, Sophia Davis 6, Addyson Townsend 5, Khloe Jones 2 and Faith Bundy 2.

Elba JV Tigers enjoy perfect week on court

The Elba JV Tigers enjoyed a busy week on the basketball court as they rolled to wins over Pleasant Home 37-26, Florala 33-28 and Zion Chapel 39-28.

Following are highlights of all three wins:

Elba 37 Pleasant Home 26

The Elba Tigers pulled even in the second quarter and pulled away in the second half in an exciting 37-26 home court win over the Pleasant Home Eagles. Elba rallied from an early 12-8 deficit to pull even at 16-16 at intermission, while Ky’Avian Stoudemire and Levi Martin combined for 11 third quarter points to push the Tigers ahead, and Jaquez Hill added eight fourth quarter points as Elba posted the impressive 37-26 win.

Jaquez Hill scored 13 points to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Levi Martin 11, Jayse Williams 8 and Ky’Avian Stoudemire 5. Connor Pate scored 10 points to lead the Eagles.

Elba 33 Florala 28

The Elba Tigers pulled even in the third quarter and then ran away in the final stanza in a wild 33-28 home court win over the Florala Wildcats. Elba fell behind 9-7 in the first quarter, but slowly caught up and was tied at 20-20 after three quarters of play. However, Jayse Williams and RJ Melton combined for nine points to spark a fourth quarter rally as the Tigers claimed the 33-28 win.

Levi Martin scored 13 points and Jayse Williams added 10 to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Jaquez Hill 6 and RJ Melton 4. Dalton Devenney scored 10 points to lead Florala.



Elba JV Tiger Jaquez Hill (2) applies pressure to an opponent in the back court. The JV Tigers won three straight games in action last week.

Elba 39 Zion Chapel 28

The Elba Tigers used a big second quarter to take command and held on in the second half to defeat the Zion Chapel Rebels 39-28. Cooper Holley and Ky’Avian Stoudemire both drained three-pointers in the opening quarter to help Elba ease out to a 10-7 lead, while Levi Martin hit a pair of shots from behind the arc in the second stanza as the Tigers went in at intermission with a 22-10 advantage. The Rebels closed to within 27-18 heading into the final stanza. However, Martin added two more three-pointers as the Tigers never lost command and posted the 39-28 road win.

Levi Martin scored 18 points and connected on four three-pointers to lead Elba, while also scoring for the Tigers were Ky’Avian Stoudemire 9, Kaleb Magwood 7, Cooper Holley

3 and Lewis Johnson 2. Speigner 6, Gavyn Nelson Scoring for Zion Chapel 5, Colt Jacobs 2 and were Jaxon Flowers 7, Jeremiah Sanders 2. Jayden Matthews 6, Wyatt

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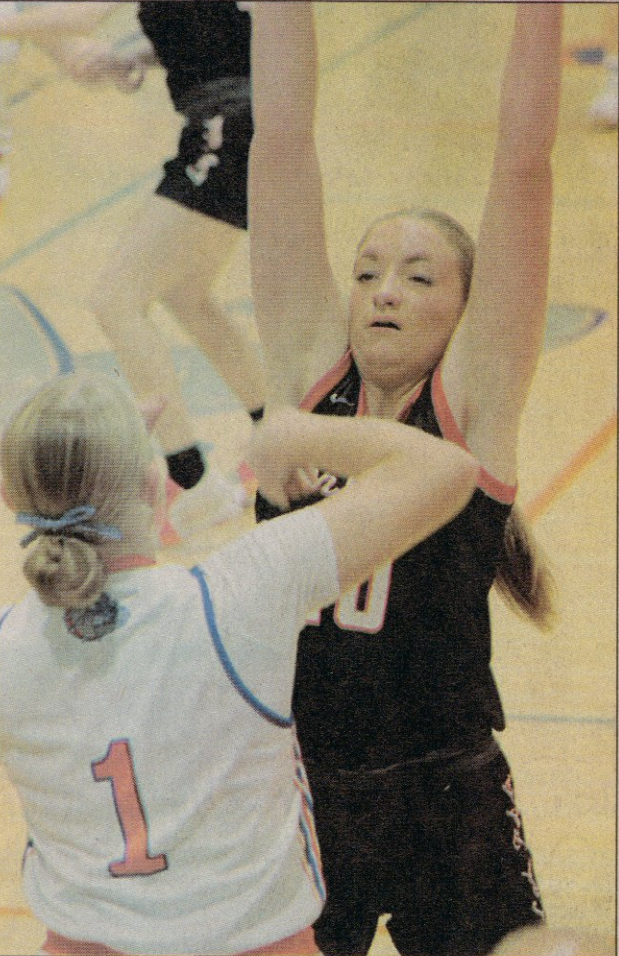
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SPORTS NEWS



Kinston Bulldog JD Hart (11) looks to dribble past a Zion Chapel defender in recent high basketball action. (Photo by Amanda Clark)



Zion Chapel Lady Rebel Ava Coggins (10) gets up close and personal to a Kinston Lady Bulldogs in recent high school basketball action (Photo by Amanda Clark)

ROUNDBALL ROUNDUP

**BOYS:**  
**Samson 56 Kinston 52** – The Kinston Bulldogs battled for all four quarters in a 56-52 loss to the Samson Tigers. Jon Simmons scored 26 points and JD Hart added 12 to lead the Bulldogs, while Kelin Hornsby led Samson with 19 points.  
**Samson 59 Zion Chapel 32** – The Zion Chapel Rebels struggled to put points in the scoreboard in a 59-32 loss to the Samson Tigers. Kelin Hornsby scored 25 points to lead Samson, while Ben McKenzie added 8 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.  
**New Brockton 85 Carroll 79** – The New Brockton Gamecocks outscored the Carroll Eagles 15-9 in the second overtime period to claim a wild 85-79 win. Anthony Silar poured in 30 points to lead the Gamecocks and went over the ‘1,000 Point’ plateau in the win, while Myles Tillis added 16 points and Josiah Lewis scored 13.  
**Opp 66 Kinston 33** – The Kinston Bulldogs struggled from the floor in a 66-33 loss to the Opp Bobcats. DJ Hines scored 33 points, had six steals, four rebounds and four assists to lead Opp, while Savon Barnes added 10 points and eight rebounds.  
**Geneva County 64 Zion Chapel 42** – The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters in a 64-42 loss to the Geneva County Bulldogs. Trent Elrod scored 13 points and Tucker Powell added 12 to lead the Rebels, while J.J. Wright scored 20 points and Brayden West added 12 to lead the Bulldogs.  
**Brantley 65 Daleville 40** – The Brantley Bulldogs rolled to a 65-40 win over the Daleville War Hawks. Devin Melton scored 21 points, grabbed 16 rebounds and blocked five shots to lead the Bulldogs, while Julius Sylvester added 18 points, 11 rebounds and three blocked shots.

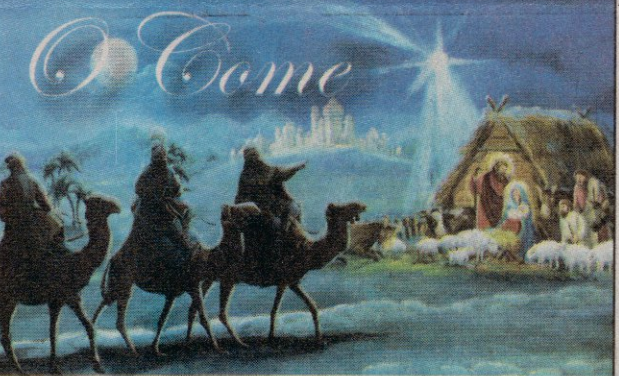
**GIRLS:**  
**Carroll 51 New Brockton 48** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks dropped a hard fought 51-48 decision to the Carroll Lady Eagles. Ariana Smith scored 12 points, grabbed seven rebounds and handed out four assists to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Casey Williams also scored 12 points. Zy Glanton scored 24 points, handed out five assists and had three steals to lead the Lady Eagles.  
**Kinston 55 Opp 21** – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs dominated in all four quarters in an impressive 55-21 rout of the Opp Lady Bobcats. Allyx Williamson scored 21 points and Lauren Norris added 20 to lead the Lady Bulldogs.  
**Brantley 61 Daleville 12** – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 61-12 romp past the Daleville Lady Hawks. Marley Kilcrease scored 18 points on six three-pointers to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 15 points and five rebounds, Coco Stamps added 12 points, seven assists and six steals, and SaLeah Johnson added 11 points and four steals.  
**Kinston 74 Samson 28** – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs made it look easy in a 74-28 win over the Samson Lady Tigers. Allyx Williamson and Lauren Norris scored 20 points, apiece, to lead the Lady Bulldogs.  
**New Brockton 41 Pike County 23** – The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks regained their winning form with a solid 41-23 win over the Pike County Lady Bulldogs. Ariana Smith scored 13 points and passed out four assists to lead the Lady Gamecocks, while Brittany Williams added 10 points and pulled down six rebounds. Zohee Lucy scored seven points to lead the Lady Bulldogs.



Brantley Bulldog Julius Sylvester (1) gets inside for an easy basket in recent prep action.



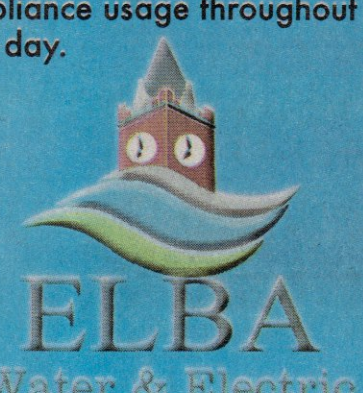
New Brockton Gamecocks listen to instructions during a time-out.



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During the fall, the Kinston JV volleyball team completed a successful 11-4 season. Team and coaches were: (front) Gracie Brown, Chloe Ezell, Karlee Wallace Ella Kate Bowers, Madi Phillips, and Kylee Jerkins; (standing) Coach Tiffany Johnson, Justi Creech, Makayla Bond, Adalyn Whigham, River Riley, Abby Gooden Emory Kinsaul, Maggie Johnson, Trinity Camley, and Coach Suzanne Elmore.

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